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RE: NeighborWorks Home Partners

District 6 Planning Council is proud to support Neighborworks Home Partners in their CIB proposal for providing home improvement loans and construction management to the hardest hit neighborhoods in Saint Paul.

District 6 Planning Council collaborated with Neighborworks in 2014 to provide financing for home improvements. The program was wildly successful in due in part to the partnership between NeighborWorks and the District Council. Neighborworks, District 6 and Hamline/Midway designed the program and this collaborative effort is the reason for its success where other programs have not worked as well.

There is great need to keep funds dedicated to our neighborhood to improve property values, stabilize our neighborhood, increase wealth and provide educational opportunities to our families, and to increase the tax base.

Regards,

Jeff Martens

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